Condition of the Land, Public Input, NN Agriculture Plan "BIA Historical Overview"

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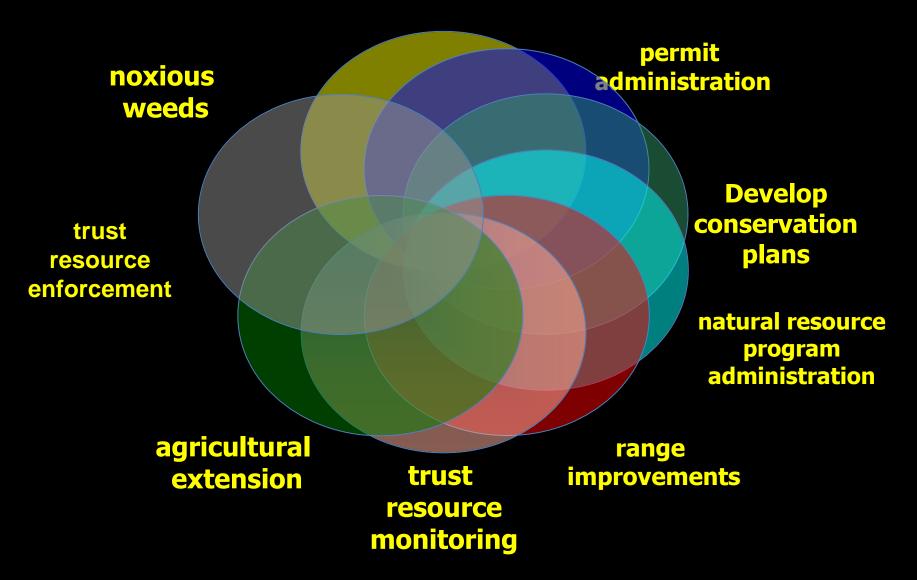
#### HISTORICAL OVERVIEW

- •1937 Grazing regulations adopted by the Tribe & District boundary lines & carrying capacities est.
- 1941 First grazing permit issued
- 1953 District Grazing Committee formed
- 1956 Revised grazing regulations approved & adopted

Enforcement assumed by the Tribe

- **1.) Inventory:** Range inventories, erosion identification, conservation planning and land evaluations. The range inventories and range utilization identifies vegetation cover range and establish carrying capacity for livestock.
- **2.) Farm and Range planning:** Technical assistance is provided to ranchers, farmers, Farm Board Members and Grazing Officials, by developing land management plans for ranchers, and updating land management plans in sustaining range condition for future use.
- **3.) Rangeland Improvements:** Staff provides technical assistance to ranchers, farmers, Farm Board, and Grazing Officials by preparing GIS maps and recommending land leveling, farm drainages, and erosion control recommendations.
- **4.) Rangeland Protection:** Staff provides support to management of rangeland noxious weed control by applying herbicides, implementing non-point source projects for soil erosions, and livestock control by reviewing tally counts, and making recommendation on modifying stocking rates.
- **5.) Leasing and Permitting Services:** Staff monitors permits changes and land ownership for land use permits.

#### inventory



### Taylor Grazing Act June 28, 1934

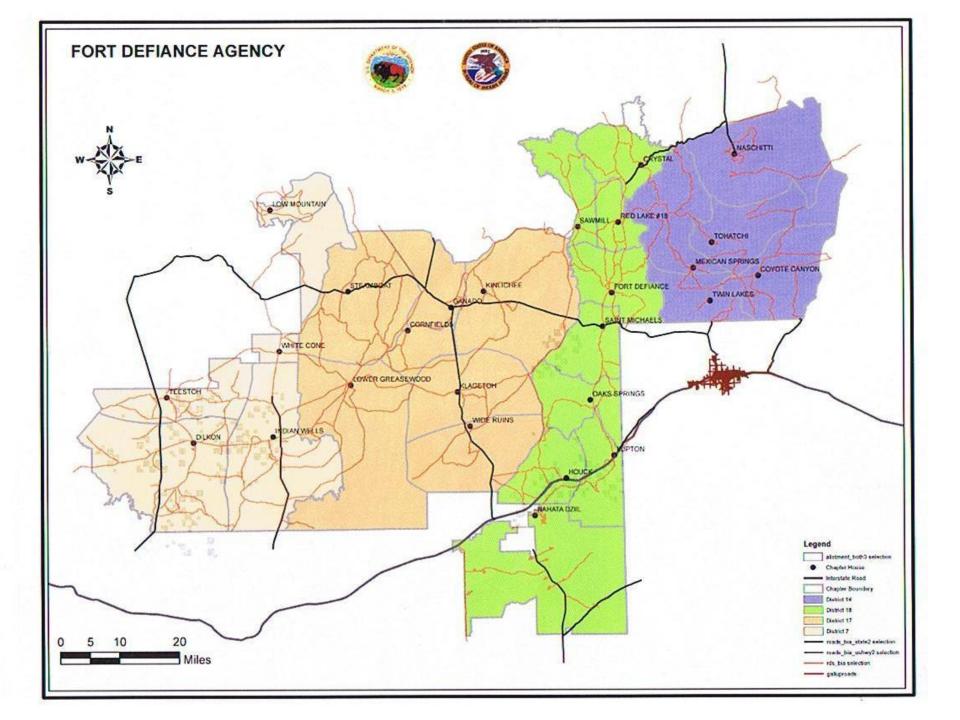
- 43 U.S.C. §§ 315-316, as amended 1936, 1938, 1939, 1942, 1947, 1948,
   1954 and 1976.
- Overview. This Act was the first federal effort to regulate grazing on federal public lands. It establishes grazing districts and uses a permitting system to manage livestock grazing in the districts.

# 1936 Land Management Units (LMU) Districts Established within Navajo Reservation

- 1936-LMU Districts formed and supervisors appointed.
- Each districts formed after considering social, political, economic and educational facilities as well as topography and natural resources of the area.
- Seasonal Grazing permits were issued (use area between two districts)

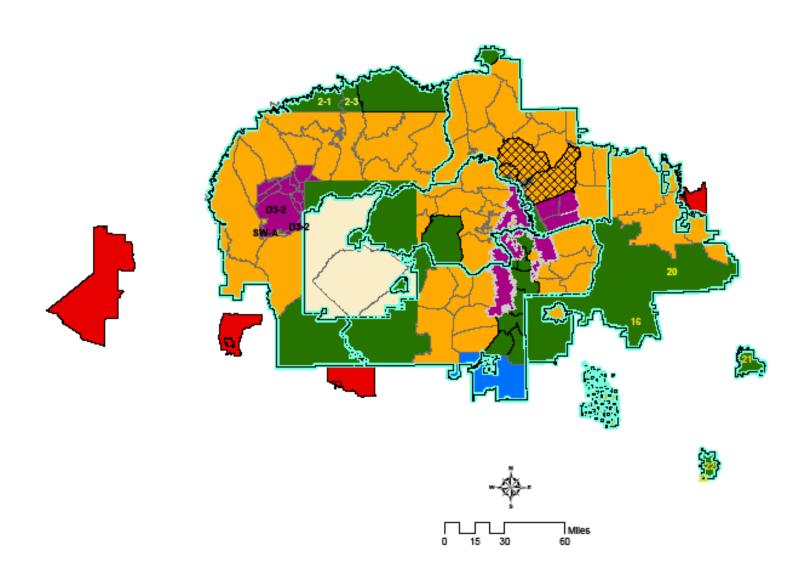
### **Seasonal Grazing Permits**



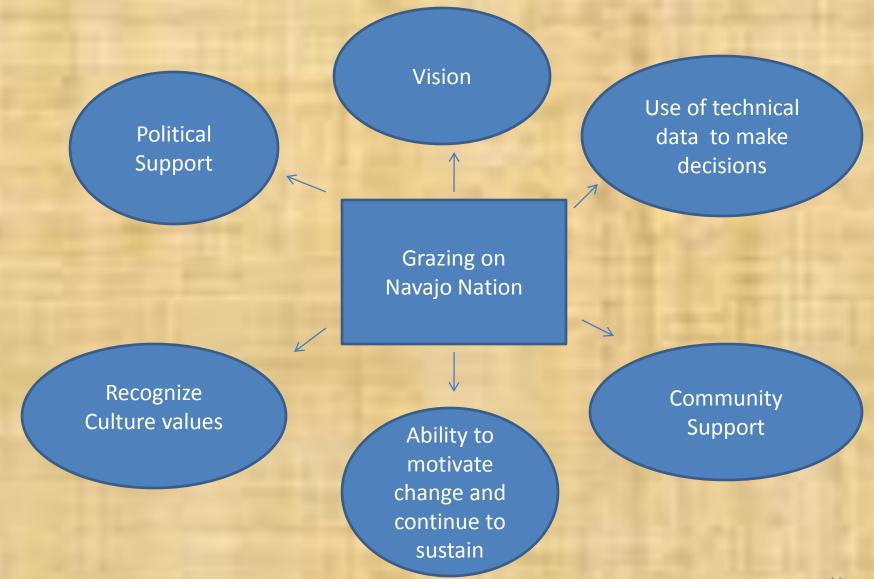


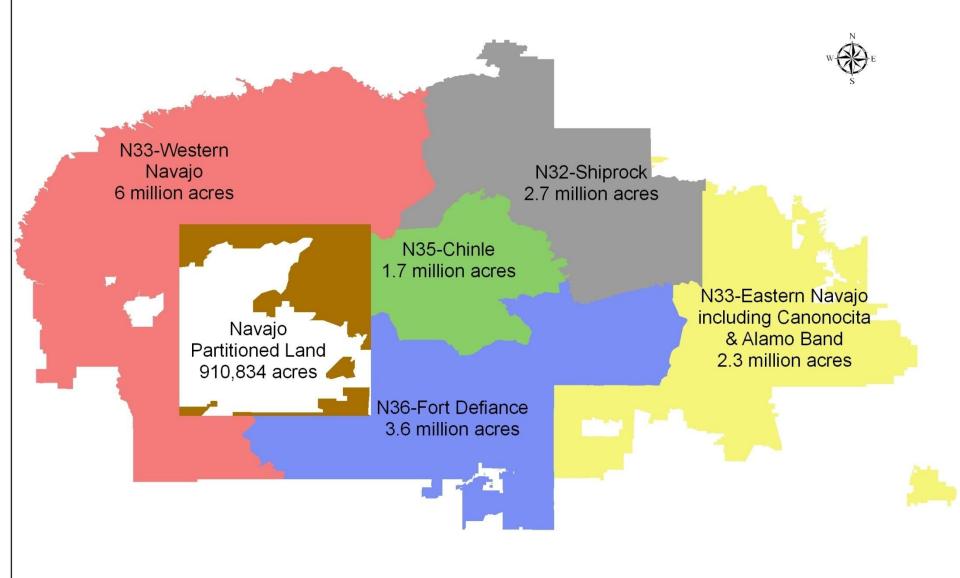
Agency	Total number of Grazing permit	Number of Grazing permit not in use	Number of Grazing permit in Probate	Number of Grazing permit on Administrative hold
Chinle Agency	1,459	0	0	0
Fort Defiance Agency	3,727	2960	64	30
Northern Agency	2,004	0	0	0
Western Agency	2,605	187	88	02
Eastern Agency	1,009	122	30	05
	10,804			

#### Status of Range Inventory in Navajo Region



#### Discussion is only a tool, our end goal is a decision





## Eastern Navajo Agency Navajo Partitioned Lands

Fort Defiance Agency
Chinle Agency
Northern Navajo Agency

Western Navajo Agency

### Bureau of Indian Affairs - Navajo Region TOTAL= 16 million acres



Data compiled by U.S. D.O.I. Bureau of Indian Affairs - Navajo Regional Office, "Summary of Acreages by Agency", November 16, 2000.

